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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISITS TO EGYPT BY NWC AND ICAF

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- 1. AS DEPT AWARE, NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE VISIT TO EGYPT LAST MAY WAS SUCCESSFUL. NWC STUDENTS RECEIVED EXTENSIVE BRIEFINGS FROM EGYPTIAN MILITARY BOTH AT NASSER ACADEMY AND DURING VISIT TO SUEZ FRONT AREA. VISITS WITH MINISTER OF WAR AND PARTICULARLY, WITH PRESIDENT SADAT WERE HIGHLIGHTS OF TRIP.
- 2. WHILE WE HAVE NOT TAKEN ANY INFORMAL SOUNDINGS WITH EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS, WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT ANOTHER VISIT FROM THE NWC AND ALSO FROM ICAF WOULD BE EQUALLY WELL RECEIVED IN MAY 1975, PROVIDED OF COURSE THAT ME SITUATION REMAINS REASONABLY STABLE. EGYPTIANS HAVE GIVEN EVERY INDICATION OF DESIRE TO EXPAND CNTACTS WUTH US MILITARY. IT IS THEREFORE EXPECTED THAT SIMILAR EGYPTIAN RECEPTION WILL BE ACCORDED ANOTHER NWC VISIT. HOWEVER, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT, IF BOTH NWC AND ICAF DECIDE TO INCLUDE EGYPT ON THEIR ITINERARY, AN EFFORT BE MADE TO COMBINE THEIR VISITS SO AS NOT TO OVERBURDEN EGYPTIAN HOSPITATLITY DURING PERIOD OF A SINGLE MONTH.
- 3. THE PRESIDENT IS ALWAYS GOOD ABOUT SEEIN SUCH A GROUP, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT HIS OWN HEAVY SCHEDULE DICTATES THAT WE MINIMIZE

BURDEN ON HIM. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT INFORMATION AS TO THE EXACT DATES SELECTED FOR THE VISIT INASMUCH AS WE EXPECT THAT LOCAL HOTEL SITUATION, ALREADY EXTREMELY TIGHT, WILL NOT IMPROVE BY NEXT SPRING. WE WOULD THEREFORE WISH TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR THE GROUP AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN ADVANCE. EILTS

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